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Land Use Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 18th, 2008

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

DuPage County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present:

Mark Avery, Judy Beck, Ken Marabella (for Jerry Conrad), Roger Dahlstrom, David Dubois, David Galowich, Jim LaBelle, Ed Paesel, John Paige, James Peters, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Heather Tabbert, Kai Tarum, Norm West, Nathaniel Werner

Members Absent:

Sam Assefa, Robert Cole, Roger Dahlstrom, Ken Johnson, Robert Palmer, James Peters, Tim Savage, Heather Smith, Nancy Williamson

Staff Present:

Ty Warner (committee staff liaison), Stephen Ostrander, Erin Aleman, Paul Reise, Andrew Williams-Clark, Jon Hallas, Bob Dean, Diana Torres, Kermit Wies, Tedd Carrison; Tara Fifer

Others Present:

Mike Walczak, Northwest Municipal Conference; Andre Garner, Cook County Department fo Planning; Kama Dobbs, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference; Angela Zubko, Kendall County Department of Planning and Development, Zoning and Development; Paul Heltne, Centers for Humans & Nature; David Kralki, Metra; Deborah Fortier, Cook County Department of Planning and Development; , Anja Claus, Center for Humans & Nature; Phil Rovang, Lake County Department of Planning, Building and Development

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 21st, 2008

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 21st meeting, as presented, was made by David DuBois and seconded by Ed Paesel. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Legislative Update

No legislative update.

5.0 Go To 2040 Plan:

5.1 Scenario Construction

Bob Dean, CMAP Staff

Bob discussed the pros and cons of scenario construction methods (intensity of implementation, maximize one goal over others, focusing investment, thematic scenarios). CMAP is recommending that we use thematic scenarios.

5.2 Regional Indicators Development

Andrew Williams-Clark, CMAP Staff

Drew distributed an updated list of indicators and data to the committee. CMAP will be receiving one more iteration from the consultants. At this point, we are trying to move beyond just data warehousing. There will be a series of Regional Indicator Workshops in July and August where we will be receiving input .

Judy Beck brought handouts from the EPA on how they pooled their indicators together. What CMAP is missing is what type of indicator we are dealing with.

6.0 Strategy Research Report: Planning Impacts of Latino Population GrowthJon Hallas, CMAP Staff

This presentation and supporting reports are posted on CMAP's website at http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/snapshot.aspx (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Norm West noted that there seems to be similar outcomes for all ethnic communities and that they are both broad and general but good planning recommendations. The key is really to get people involved.

Judy Beck noted that on behalf of the parks district, Latinos like to use the parks district facilities. In the future there will not be enough parks and open space to accommodate this growing population, and there is a need for more programmed activities (ex. Soccer leagues for adults, not just youth).

7.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI):

Kermit Wies, CMAP

The Programming Coordinating Committee has released a draft DRI document outlining how a DRI is identified and referred to the CMAP Board, including the criteria and thresholds for identifying DRIs and the review process for a DRI. Kermit presented the three tiered system to the Land Use Committee.

Jim LaBelle, raised the question of when will potentially affected community stakeholders know their project is being considered for a DRI? Kermit Wies noted that because there is already a public disclosure requirement in communities there will not be notification from CMAP.

LaBelle asked how much effort will be involved in this process. Wies explained that CMAP staff will develop an outline that will vary (for example the Olympics would require a substantial outline) to ensure that there is legitimate regional importance.

Denis Sandquist noted that the second paragraph on page three needs some changes.

LaBelle noted that if it is important that we are efficient, we may not want to get caught up in DRIs having to have a full County Board vote and resolution because this takes time.

David Galowich stated that the potential for abuse is great, and Ken Marabella noted that the word "major" isn't well defined and will help promote abuses.

Mark Avery noted that the sub-committee could not come to an agreement and is looking for committee input.

Norm West expressed that this provides a process that helps the state and region by publicly stating "this is what we think" – for the public's information. West appreciated that it tracked the NEPA process, and thought this has the potential for significant tie-in.

Wies said that there is no intent to have DRIs stall or kill projects. Wies said the Committee is looking for input on what appropriate time frame may be.

John Paige, asked what if their lawyers advise against participating? Weis responded that those communities would have the "bad press" of not cooperating with a process that helped identify affect on their neighbors.

8.0 Next scheduled meetings:

The next meetings are schedule for July 16th and August 20th, 2008. There was consensus to meet on July 16th in order to continue the discussion on DRIs. At the July meeting, the committee will decide whether or not to hold a meeting in August.

9.0 Other Business

Warner acknowledged and welcomed the County Planning Directors present for today's meeting.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11.0 Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting of the Land Use Committee is July 16th, 2008 Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ty Warner AICP Committee Liaison

Notes compiled with the assistance of Erin Aleman.